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Of the Name, Form of Government, Objects, and Means.

1. This Association shall be called "THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION," and it shall be governed, as hereinafter set forth, by a President, ^{Name of the} two Vice-Presidents (one clerical and one lay), and a Council. ^{Society.}

2. The objects of "THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION" are—(1) to defend and maintain, unimpaired, the Doctrine and Discipline of the Church of England; (2) to afford counsel, protection, ^{Objects of the} and assistance to all persons, lay or clerical, suffering under unjust aggression or hindrance in spiritual matters; and (3) in general so to promote the interests of Religion as to be, by God's help, a lasting witness in the land for the advancement of His glory and the good of His Church.

3. The means which the Union shall employ for effecting its object are—(1) Meetings of the Union, of District Unions, and of Local Branches as hereinafter provided; (2) A solemn Commemoration in each year; (3) Petitions and Addresses to the Queen, to the Bishops, to Convocation, to Parliament if need be, and other persons in authority; (4) Grants of Money to be made from time to time for the objects of the Union. ^{Means to be employed.}

Of Membership, &c.

4. Subject to the conditions hereinafter set forth, all men and women, of every rank and order in "the Church throughout the world," shall be eligible to become *Members, Associate-Members, Women-Associates, or Ordinary Associates* of the Union. ^{Who eligible.}

5. No person can be proposed as a *Member* or *Associate-Member* unless he be a Communicant of the Church of England, according to the following Rubric of the Book of Common Prayer:— ^{Condition of Membership.} "And note that every parishioner shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one;" or unless such person be a Communicant of a Church in communion with the Church of England.

6. Any person ceasing to be a Communicant, according to Rule 5, or any person whose conduct shall be considered by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the *Members* present at a Council, specially summoned—nine Members at least being present—to be calculated to interfere with the well-being of the Society, shall cease to be a *Member* or *Associate* of the Union.

7. *Members* and *Associate-Members* shall be elected by ballot. Every Candidate shall be proposed by one *Member* and seconded by another, and shall be duly elected, unless there be more than five black balls against him. If there shall be more than one Candidate, all proposed for election shall (unless the ballot be taken as next hereinafter provided) be balloted for in one list. If the President shall be requested so to direct, or if on a ballot for the one list more than five of the entire number of balls thrown shall be found to be black balls, then

ballot shall be taken for each such section, and if on taking any such last-mentioned ballot more than five of the entire number of the balls thrown for the section shall be found to be black balls, each name in the section then found to be rejected shall be balloted for separately.

8. No Candidate for election shall be balloted for if, in the opinion of the President and Council, the admission of such Candidate into the Union be deemed inexpedient.

9. The election of *Members* (except as hereinafter provided) shall take place at a meeting of the President and Council specially summoned for that purpose, to be held on the last Monday in every month. The names of the Candidates, proposed and seconded, shall be inserted in the number of the monthly journal of the Society issuing next before the day of election, and at the same time they shall be sent to the Secretary of the Local Branch within the limits or neighbourhood of which the Candidate resides. If any *Members* shall send in writing to the President and Council an objection to the election of any Candidate, the election of such Candidate shall be deferred to the next Ordinary Meeting, unless the President and Council think fit to exercise the power of veto given them under Rule 8.

10. *Associate-Members* of the Union shall be elected by the President and Council at any of their Weekly Meetings.

11. Form of nomination to be given in writing:—

Form of Nomination. “I, (being a *Bishop*, *Priest*, *Deacon*, or *Communicant*, and heartily concurring with the objects of ‘THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION,’ as expressed in Rule 2), do hereby request to be admitted a *Member* [or *Associate-Member*, as the case may be] of ‘THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION,’ and I promise to subscribe the annual sum of _____ and to make a donation* of _____ to the funds of the Union.

“Signed _____
“Address _____
“Dated _____

“Branch _____

“I, _____ do propose, and I, _____ do second the nomination of the aforesaid _____ to be a *Member* [or *Associate-Member*] of ‘THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION.’”

12. *Members* of the Union hereafter to be elected shall pay an annual subscription of at least ten shillings. A payment of £10 on the part of any *Member* already elected or hereafter to be elected shall form the qualification for Life Membership. *Associate-Members* shall pay not less than two shillings and sixpence per annum. Subscriptions shall become due on the day of election, and on every subsequent 1st day of January.

13. If in the second of the above cases the sum be not paid before the 31st of March in each year, the privileges of such *Member* or *Associate-Member* shall be forfeited; and if any *Member* or *Associate-Member* of the Union shall continue in arrear with his annual subscription for the space of two years from the day of his

* As no entrance-fee is required, it is earnestly hoped that a DONATION will be given.

† If the nomination comes through a Branch, the name of the Branch to be here inserted

election, or from the date of his last payment, he shall, after notice given him in writing by the Secretary of the Union, for two consecutive months, cease to be a *Member* or *Associate-Member* of the Union; but he shall be re-eligible upon the payment of all arrears.

14. Notices of resignation must be given in writing to the Secretary of the Union, and be accompanied by the discharge of all subscriptions actually due. *Members* or *Associates* declining to comply with this regulation will (subject to the approval of the President and Council) be liable to immediate expulsion.

15. *Members*, *Associate-Members*, and *Women-Associates*, engaged on Foreign Missions, may, on application to the President and Council, be exempted from the payment of any annual subscription during the period of their absence on such Missions: they shall retain at the same time all the privileges of Membership.

16. *Associate-Members* may become *Members* of the Union by nomination and election, in the manner provided in Rules 7, 8, 9.

Associate-Members may become *Members*.

17. A list of the *Members* and *Associate-Members*, with their addresses, shall be annually printed and circulated among the *Members* of the Union under the direction of the Council.

18. Churchwomen being communicants, according to Rule 5, and duly nominated, according to Rule 11, may be enrolled by the President and Council as *Women-Associates* of "THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION." They shall pay a sum of not less than two shillings and sixpence per annum, to be due on the day of election, and subsequently on the 1st day of January in each year. Women living together in a religious community, and having a common purse, may be enrolled by the President and Council as *Women-Associates* of "THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION," provided that the superior is duly elected, and subscribes not less than eleven shillings and sixpence annually on behalf of the community.

Women-Associates.

19. The duties of *Women-Associates* shall be to assist the work of "THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION" by any means in their power.

20. *Women-Associates* may join in celebrating the Anniversary of "THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION," according to Rules 73, 74, and shall have the privilege of being present at the Annual Meeting.

21. The President shall affix his signature to a card which shall be sent to each *Woman-Associate*, with her name inscribed and the date of her enrolment. The names of the *Women-Associates* shall not be printed or published.

22. Churchmen and Churchwomen being communicants, according to Rule 2, may be elected *Ordinary Associates* of the Union by the Committee of the Local Branch within the limits of which they reside; they shall have the privilege of taking part at all the Commemorations of the Union, the District Union, and of the Local Branch to which they may be attached; and they may be present at the Annual Meetings of each. Provided there are at least five

Ordinary Associates.

Ordinary Associates enrolled in a Local Branch, they may elect from their own body one Delegate to represent them upon the Committee, and at the General Meeting of such Branch. They shall pay a subscription to the Branch they are attached to of not less than sixpence per annum, to be due on the day of election, and subsequently on the 1st day of January in each year.

Of the Executive.

23. The Union shall be governed by the President, Vice-Presidents, and a Council, in accordance with its Rules and Objects.

24. The Council shall consist of (1) the President and Vice-Presidents;

(2) twenty-four *Members* of the Union, half clerical and half lay (one-third of whom shall retire annually by rotation, but shall be re-eligible); (3) the Presidents and Delegates of District Unions; and (4) the Officers hereinafter designated as *ex-officio Members*.

25. A list of the retiring Officers of the Union—viz., President, Vice-Presidents, four clerical and four lay Members of Council, the Treasurer, Proctor, Solicitor, and Auditors, shall be published in the March *Church Union Gazette*, together with the names of the Candidates proposed by the Council to supply the said vacant offices, Auditors excepted.

26. The Committee of any District Union or Local Branch, at a Meeting thereof specially summoned, may, by majority of votes of those present at such a Meeting, nominate one Candidate (being a Member of the Union) for each office; the names of the said Candidates shall be forwarded in writing by the Secretary of the Branch to the Secretary of the Union, and shall be read at the April Ordinary Meeting.

27. Any *Member* of the Union shall be at liberty to forward in writing to the Secretary before the said Ordinary Meeting, or to propose at such Meeting, one Candidate, being a *Member* of the Union, for each vacant office.

28. The Candidates so proposed by the Council, by the Committees of District Unions and Local Branches, and by Members of the Union, shall be inserted in a Voting Paper (see Appendix), provided they intimate their consent in writing to the Secretary either before the said Ordinary Meeting or within fourteen days after.

29. If it be requisite to issue Voting Papers according to Rule 28, such Voting Papers shall, within twenty-eight days after the Meeting aforesaid, be furnished by the Secretary to every *Member* of the Union, and, being duly signed, shall be returned to the Secretary within fourteen days from the receipt thereof. No *Member* shall be qualified to vote unless he shall have paid his annual subscription, inclusive of all arrears. If no other Candidates be proposed, the Candidates nominated by the Council shall be considered as duly elected.

30. The election shall be determined by the majority of the votes received. Three Scrutineers shall be appointed at the April Ordinary Meeting, to sort and examine the Voting Papers, and to present at the Annual Meeting a written Report of the same, together

with the Voting Papers, to the Chairman, who shall then declare the result of the election. In case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting-vote; except, nevertheless, in the case of the election of the Chairman himself to any office, when the election to that office shall be determined by the votes of the *Members* present at the Meeting. If there is only one Candidate nominated for any office, still the election shall not be formally declared until the Annual Meeting.

31. The President may nominate Committees to aid him in the performance of his duties; he may appoint in any town or district where there is no Branch a *Member* of "THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION" to assist him in carrying out the acts and resolutions of the Council and of the Union.

Duties and
Privileges of
President.

32. The President shall correspond with the President of each District Union, and he shall from time to time consult with him, and through him with his Committee, on any matters affecting the interests of the Church or of the Union. The President shall also communicate to him the acts of Council and of the Union, and direct him in the course to be pursued in applying them to the ends in view.

33. The President (when present) shall take the chair at all Meetings of the Council and of the Union, and also at all Committee Meetings.

34. The duty of the Vice-Presidents shall be to discharge all the functions of the President in his absence from any Meeting, or during the avoidance of the office.

Vice-
Presidents.

35. In the event of any of the *elective* offices becoming vacant by death or resignation, the vacancy or vacancies may be filled up by the President and Council, at a Meeting thereof specially summoned, and the result shall be declared at the next succeeding Ordinary Meeting.

Vacancies.

36. In the event of the absence of both the President and Vice-Presidents, it shall be lawful for any Meeting either of the Council or the Union to elect its Chairman, but the proceedings of such Meeting shall be immediately reported to the President.

Chairman.

37. It shall be the duty of the Council (1) to conduct the business of the Union according to its Rules and Objects, reporting their proceedings, so far as it may be deemed expedient, from time to time to the Union; (2) to decide in the first instance as to all applications for counsel, protection, and assistance; (3) to fix the times of Meeting of the Council, and of the Union, and of the Annual Meeting; (4) to make bye-laws for their own regulation; (5) to appoint Committees, and generally to manage the affairs of the Union. Five Members of the Council to be a quorum.

Duties.

38. The Council shall prepare an Annual Report of the proceedings of the Union during the past year, which, together with a statement of accounts duly audited, shall be forwarded to every *Member* of the Union fourteen days before the Annual Meeting.

39. There shall be a Secretary of the Union, and such other officers as may be from time to time deemed necessary, the appointment and removal of such officers being vested in the President and Council.

Secretary

Rules of the English Church Union.

40. The Council may, at any Meeting specially summoned, fix the salary of such Secretary or Secretaries, but any paid officer shall be incapable of being a Member of the Council.

41. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to conduct the correspondence and general business of the Union according to the bye-laws made by the Council for his direction.

42. There shall be a Treasurer of the Union, who shall be an *ex-officio* Member of the Council, and shall be elected in the manner provided by Rules 25-30.

43. There shall be two Auditors of the Union to examine and certify the correctness of its accounts one month previously to the Annual Meeting, who shall be elected in the manner provided by Rules 25-30. The Auditors shall not be Members of the Council. The Council may at any Meeting specially summoned grant a salary or gratuity to *one* of the said Auditors.

44. There shall be a Solicitor or Proctor, or both, to the Union, who shall be elected in the manner provided by Rules 25-30, and if necessary may be removed by the President and Council. If either appointment be honorary, the holder of it shall be, *ex-officio*, a Member of Council.

45. It shall be the duty of the Solicitor or Proctor to consider all questions of law submitted to him, and to advise the Union thereon, to provide the assistance of Counsel when directed to do so by the Council, and generally to conduct the legal business of the Union.

46. The Council may, at any Meeting specially summoned, appoint a salary to such Solicitor or Proctor, subject to confirmation by the Union, but any paid Solicitor or Proctor shall be incapable of being a Member of the Council.

Of the Organization.

47. *Members* and *Associate-Members* of "THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION" resident in, or otherwise connected with, any district, upon receiving the sanction of the President and Council, may constitute themselves into a Local Branch of the said Union, to be called "THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION —— Branch."

48. Each Local Branch shall be governed by a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and a Committee, to be chosen by the enrolled *Members* and *Associate-Members* of the Union composing the Branch.

49. Local Branches may appoint any Member of Council as their Agent, to represent their interests at the Council of the Union; due notice of such appointment to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Union; provided always that such Local Branches as were established before the adoption of this rule shall be entitled to elect Delegates as heretofore, and in the manner and form heretofore provided, until a District Union shall be established in the county or portion of a county wherein they are situated.

50. The duties of each Local Branch shall be, as much as possible, to promote in concert with the Council of the Union and the Committee of the District Union of the county, or portion of the county

within which it is situated (1) the objects of the Union, as defined by Rule 2; (2) the increase of *Members*, *Associate-Members*, and *Women-Associates*, as provided by Rules 4-22; (3) the formation of Parochial Associations; also (4) to assist the President and Council, and the President and Committee of the District Union aforesaid, in carrying out the resolutions of any Meeting of the Union or District Union; and (5) to aid the same in the collection of subscriptions and donations for the general or special objects of the Union.

51. Local Branches established within the limits of any county or portion of a county, in the United Kingdom (the extent of which shall be determined by the President and Council of the Union), together with such *Members* and *Associate-Members* of the Union resident within such county, or portion of a county, as have not been enrolled in any Local Branch, and also *Ordinary Associates*, shall unite as one body, once at least in every year, and meet in some convenient place within the county, or portion of the county, as the case may be (due notice having been previously given in the *Church Union Gazette*), for the purpose of celebrating the Holy Eucharist, for invoking the Divine blessing on the work of the Union; to be followed by an Annual Meeting, for the election of officers in the manner hereinafter provided, and for business connected with the interests of the Church.

52. The County Organization shall be called —— District Union, and shall be governed by a President, a Vice-President, and a Committee, consisting, in addition to these officers, of the Delegate, Honorary Secretary, and Treasurer of the District Union, together with the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, and other officers of the Local Branches situated within the limits of such District Union.

53. Every District Union which has not less than fifty *Members* and *Associate-Members* enrolled in its Local Branches shall, at its Annual Meeting, elect a Delegate to represent it on the Council of "THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION."

54. The President, Vice-President, and Delegate (being *Members* of the Union) shall be nominated by the Committee of the District Union, and their names published in the *Church Union Gazette*. Any *Member* or *Associate-Member* may likewise propose a candidate for any of the above offices, in which case Voting Papers shall be forwarded by the Secretary of the District Union to every *Member* and *Associate-Member* of the Union residing within the limits of such District Union, and the result published in the next *Church Union Gazette*: provided always that sufficient time be given for the publication of the nominees of the Committee, and of such individual *Members* or *Associate-Members*, in the *Church Union Gazette* previous to election. If vacancies occur, they must be filled up within three months, in the manner above provided.

55. Local Branches situated on the boundaries of two or more counties, or portions of a county, may decide for themselves which District Union they will join.

56. The duties of District Unions are, within their respective limits—

(1) To promote (a) the Objects of the Union, as specified in Rule 2; (b) the formation of Local Branches, wherever practicable; (c) the increase of *Members*, *Associate-Members*, and *Women-Associates*. (2) To correspond with the Chairmen or Secretaries of Local Branches established within their respective limits; to communicate to them all such notices and papers as shall be from time to time received from the President or Secretary of the Union, and direct them in the course to be pursued. And (3) to promote in every possible way the general interests of the Union, and the efficiency of its organization.

57. The President, Vice-President, and Committee of each District Union shall stand possessed of the same privileges, as regards their own District Union, as the President, Vice-Presidents, and Council with respect to the whole Union.

58. The President of "THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION" shall be an *ex-officio* Member of the Committee of each District Union, and the President of each District Union shall be an *ex-officio* Member of the Council.

59. Copies of all proceedings of District Unions shall be forwarded to the Secretary of "THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION."

60. District Unions and Local Branches may frame their own Rules, provided they be consistent with the Rules and Objects of "THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION;" a copy of such Rules, and any subsequent alteration of the same, shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Union.

61. The President or Vice-Presidents of "THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION" shall be entitled to take the chair at any of the Meetings (except the Annual Meeting) of District Unions and Local Branches.

62. Committees of District Unions and Local Branches shall each present to the President and Council of "THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION" an Annual Report of its proceedings not later than two months before the Annual Commemoration of the Union.

63. Associations in connexion with "THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION" may be established in countries or provinces not situated within the realm of England, with consent of the President and Council. No such Association shall be admitted into Union till the Rules have been submitted and approved by the said President and Council, accompanied by a recommendation of some learned Priest of the Church of England, or of a Church in communion with the same. These Associations may nominate and elect their own *Members* and *Associate-Members* as their Rules shall direct; provided always that, before they can be enrolled as *Members* and *Associate-Members* of the Union, their election must be approved of and confirmed by the President and Council, satisfactory evidence of their original election having been previously supplied. *Members* and *Associate-Members* elected by such Associations, on becoming *Members* and *Associate-Members* of "THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION," and original *Members* and *Associate-Members* of the Union residing within the limits of their respective Associations, and being enrolled as *Members* and *Associate-Members* of their respective Associations aforesaid, shall not be required to pay to the said Union more than one moiety of the minimum subscription: the remainder of their annual subscription shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Association they belong to.

64. These Associations shall each, together with their officers, enjoy the same rights and privileges as are accorded to Local Branches and District Unions and their officers. The President of "THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION" shall be an *ex-officio* Member of the Council or Committee of each Association, and the President and Council shall be entitled to appoint an agent to represent them at the Council or Committee, or at any General Meeting of the Association to which he is appointed.

65. Wherever practicable there shall be formed in every parish, subject to the consent of the Parish Priest, a Parochial Association, to be composed of *Ordinary Associates* of the Union. Parochial Associations.

66. The Parish Priest, if a *Member* of the Union, shall be the head of the Association within his Parish, and shall be the medium of communication with the Union.

67. In parishes where the number of persons desiring to be associated does not amount to ten, it shall be lawful for them to seek admission into the nearest Parochial Association, provided that when the number of *Ordinary Associates* in any such Parish shall amount to ten they shall then form a separate Parochial Association.

68. *Members*, *Associate-Members*, and *Women-Associates* may become Honorary Members of *Parochial Associations*, but they shall have no vote in the election of Delegates, as provided in Rule 22.

Of Meetings.

69. There shall be four Ordinary Meetings of the Union in each year, notice of which shall be sent to every *Member* of the Union at the commencement of the year ; and a further notice of each such Meeting shall be given from time to time in the *Church Union Gazette*.

70. The Council shall meet every week during the Session of Parliament, or as frequently as shall be deemed expedient.

71. The President shall have power to summon Special Meetings of the Council or Union, or of any District Union, giving three days' notice thereof if for a Council Meeting, and seven if for a Meeting of the Union or District Union, notifying at the same time the subject for discussion. Special Meetings.

72. Upon receiving a requisition signed—if for a Council Meeting by six *Members* of the Council, or if for a Meeting of the Union by thirty *Members* of the Union—the President shall (giving seven days' notice thereof) forthwith convene a Special Meeting of the Council or of the Union, as the case may be, for the discussion of any subject (within the objects of the Union) named in such requisition.

73. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Union in the month of May or June, of which due notice shall be given in the *Church Union Gazette* by the Secretary at least fourteen days before. Annual Meeting.

74. ON THE DAY OF THE ANNUAL MEETING THERE SHALL BE A CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT SOME CHURCH TO BE CHOSEN BY THE COUNCIL AND SPECIFIED IN THE NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING, FOR INVOKING THE DIVINE BLESSING ON THE UNION AND ALL CONNECTED WITH IT. ALL MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE-MEMBERS, WOMEN-ASSO-

The Com-
memoration.

CIATES, AND ORDINARY ASSOCIATES SHALL BE INVITED TO COMMUNICATE, IF POSSIBLE, ON THE SAME DAY, OR ON A DAY AS NEAR AS MAY BE TO IT, WITH THE SAME INTENTION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF UNITING THEMSELVES AS ONE BODY IN THE PRESENCE OF ALMIGHTY GOD, TO IMPORE HIM THAT THIS UNION AND ALL ITS MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES, IN THEIR INTENTIONS, OBJECTS, AND OPERATIONS, MAY EVER BE PREVENTED BY HIS GRACIOUS FAVOUR AND FURTHERED BY HIS CONTINUAL HELP.

75. All Meetings of the Council and of the Union shall be commenced and ended with Prayer.

Of Discussions.

76. All motions to be submitted to any Special or Ordinary Meeting of the Union shall be published in the *Church Union Gazette* as Agenda. *Agenda* not later than seven days before the day of the Meeting at which they are to be proposed. The proceedings of the previous Meeting shall be published at the same time.

77. Members of the Union, on giving to the Secretary notice twenty-one days previous to the next Ordinary Meeting, shall be entitled to have placed on the Agenda Paper any motion (being within the objects of the Union, or connected with its administration), which shall be discussed, as soon as the business of the Council shall have been disposed of, in the order in which the notice has been given.

78. In cases of alleged emergency, or of inability to give the required notice, any Member, after the Agenda Paper is disposed of, may propose any other motion, provided he shall have handed such motion in writing to the Chairman immediately before the commencement of the discussion of the notices on the Agenda Paper, and the Meeting shall have thereupon consented to its introduction. No remarks on the subject shall be made either by the proposer of such motion or by any other Member, but the question of leave shall be at once put to the vote after the motion has been read.

79. No subject will be allowed to be discussed more than once in each year except with consent of the Council, nor any Member to speak longer at any one time than for fifteen minutes, except by permission of the Chairman.

80. Except as hereinafter provided, all questions, both in Meetings of the Council and of the Union, shall be decided by a majority of votes; the Chairman shall have a casting vote in case the numbers shall be equal, but otherwise he shall not vote.

81. Except in cases requiring immediate action, such necessity to be determined by the President, no action shall be taken upon any Motion or Amendment agreed to at any Meeting of the Union until seven days after its publication in the *Church Union Gazette*; but in all cases not so determined, either the Council (having been previously specially summoned) or any fifty Members of the Union may at any time after the said Meeting, and prior to the expiration of the said seven days, request in writing the President, or in case of necessity the Vice-Presidents, to suspend the said Motion or Amendment.

82. Such suspension shall be published by the President or Vice-Presidents in the next following *Church Union Gazette*, with an invitation to all

the *Members* to forward their votes (according to the subjoined form) within seven days after to the Secretary for either the Motion or the Amendment, or against both; and the said votes shall be examined by three Scrutineers to be appointed by the President or Vice-Presidents, and the result published in the succeeding *Church Union Gazette*.

"I, being a *Member* of 'THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION,' do vote—(1), for the Motion; (2), for the Amendment; (3), against both the Motion and the Amendment, whereof notice of suspension is given in the *Church Union Gazette*.

"Dated _____ Signed _____."

* * * The *Member* must erase the two propositions for which he does not vote.

N.B. The vote of no *Member* will be allowed whose subscription is in arrear for three months (see Rule 13).

83. The decision of the President, or Chairman on any point of order shall be final; but if such decision involves any question of the interpretation of the Rules, it shall be binding for the time being, subject to a right of appeal as provided for in Rule 94.

84. No motion shall be discussed at any Meeting of the Council if the Chairman or any *Member* present shall require its postponement to the next Meeting of the Council (which shall in that case be specially summoned), or to a special Meeting of the Council, of which three days' notice shall be given.

85. It shall be lawful for any *Member* of the Council, being present, to hold the proxy of an absent Member, which shall be available in all questions discussed at that Meeting of the Council for Proxies. which it is given, provided always that the use of proxy votes shall be left at the discretion of the holders. But no *Member* shall be allowed to hold more than three proxies. The proxy votes shall be handed to the Chairman in writing in the form following:—

"I, _____, being a *Member* of the Council of 'THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION,' do hereby appoint _____ my proxy at the Meeting of the said Council to be held on _____ day of _____

"Dated _____ Signed _____"

Of Property and Finance.

86. The property of "THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION" shall be vested in the names of three Trustees, to be appointed as often as occasion may require by the President and Council.

87. It shall be the duty of the Council, so soon as it shall be by them deemed expedient, to create a Capital Fund to be derived from the Subscriptions of Life Members and the Donations of Churchmen and Church-women, to be invested in real security or in the public funds of the United Kingdom in the names of the Trustees aforesaid, the interest arising therefrom to be, from time to time, paid to the credit of the Treasurer of the Union, for the general purposes of the said Union.

88. It shall be competent for the Council, with the consent of the Union, to raise a Special Fund whosoever and for whatsoever they shall deem fit by an appeal to all Churchmen for Donations in the name of "THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION."

89. All the Accounts of the Union shall be presented quarterly by the Treasurer for the approval of the Council, and audited annually, according to Rule 43.

90. All cheques shall be drawn at a Council Meeting, and signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the Treasurer and Secretary.

91. The President and Council may, on application from the Chairman and Committee of any Local Branch having not less than forty *Members*, *Associate-Members*, or *Women-Associates*, resident within its limits, pay to the Treasurer of such Branch a sum of money not exceeding one-fourth of the paid-up subscriptions of the *Members*, *Associate-Members*, or *Women-Associates* aforesaid as shall be due on the 1st January in each year, for the liquidation of necessary expenses: provided always that all applications be made within three months after the said 1st day of January.

92. Local Branches shall not be entitled to any proportion of the subscription of *Life Members*, or of new *Members*, *Associate-Members*, or *Women-Associates* which shall become due on the day of their election; nor to any proportion of such annual subscription as may be in arrear three months after the 1st day of January in each year.

93. The President and Council may, on application from the President and Committee of any District Union numbering not less than two hundred *Members*, *Associate-Members*, and *Women-Associates*, make a Grant of Money annually towards the expenses incurred by such District Union, provided it has duly complied with the Rules relating to District Unions, 51-62 inclusive. The maximum annual Grant shall be:—To a District Union numbering not less than 200, 3*l.*; to one numbering not less than 300, 4*l.*; not less than 400, 6*l.*; not less than 500, 8*l.*; not less than 600, 10*l.*. Provided always that the amount of the Grant shall in no case exceed one third of the total amount raised during the year by the District Union among its own *Members* by Offertories, Collections, Donations, &c., as certified by the Committee when making the application. All such applications must be made between Nov. 1 and Dec. 1.

Of the Interpretation and Amendment of Rules.

94. If any question be raised as to the interpretation of any of the Rules of "THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION," it shall be referred to the judgment of the President and Vice-Presidents, whose decision, given in writing, shall be final and conclusive.

95. These Rules may be altered or added to at any Meeting of the Council specially summoned, subject to confirmation by the next Ordinary Meeting of the Union; notice of the proposed amendment having been given in the *Agenda* of such Meeting.

Of the Power of Dissolution.

96. If at any time hereafter it shall be deemed necessary to dissolve "THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION," such dissolution shall be decided upon by a majority of the votes of at least three-fourths of the *Members* of the Union.

APPENDIX.

NOMINATION AND VOTING PAPER.

List of Candidates proposed by the *Council* to serve in the several Offices of the Union for the year ensuing :—

OFFICES.	CANDIDATES.	VOTER'S INITIALS.
I. President.		
II. Vice-Presidents.		
III. Council— Clerical Members.		
Lay Members.		
Treasurer.		
Proctor.		
Solicitor.		

Signature of Voter.

Each Member to vote by affixing his *initials* in the column opposite to the names of the Candidates he desires to be elected, and his *signature* in the place indicated.

List of Candidates proposed by Committees of *District Unions* and *Local Branches*, and by *Members of the Union*, to serve in the several Offices of the Union for the year ensuing:—

OFFICES.	CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY	VOTER'S INITIALS.*
I. President.			
II. Vice-Presidents.			
III. Council— Clerical Members.			
Lay Members.			
Treasurer.			
Proctor.			
Solicitor.			

(Signature of Voter.)

DIRECTIONS.

1. Each Member may vote for one Candidate for the Office of President.
 " " *two* " of Vice-President.
 " " *{four Clerical}* " of Council.
 " " *{four Lay }* " "

* 2. Each Member to vote by affixing his initials in the column opposite to the names of Candidates he desires to be elected, and his signature in the place indicated.

3. This paper to be returned, addressed to the Secretary, on or before the day of , on which day the Scrutiny will take place.

NOTE.—No Member is qualified to vote unless he has paid his annual subscription, inclusive of all arrears (see Rule 29).

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